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Inventors: Gerard *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449, 1 page, listing 2 documents;
3. One copy of each of the 2 cited documents on Form PTO-1449; and
4. Return postcard.

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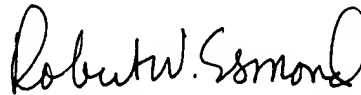
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Respectfully submitted,

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 29, 2000, and First Information Disclosure Statement filed May 20, 2000, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Document No. AM2, Russian Patent No. 1490961 A1, is in Russian. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the relevance of Document No. AM2 can be ascertained by the content of the English-language abstract cited as Document No. AS23.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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